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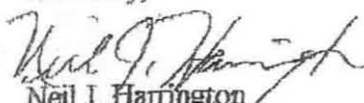
Chairman Kevin Martin  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Room #8B-201  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Martin:

As you know, the Internet plays a crucial role in the economy of the United States and in everyday American life. It can facilitate reliable communications among first responders in cities and towns, it is essential to law enforcement, and it can expand the educational experience for people of all ages. The Internet helps improve productivity at work and can enhance the quality of our everyday lives, allowing access to an array of information on everything from making travel plans to planning for one's retirement. Connectivity is critical for all Americans to have an equal opportunity to take advantage of everything that the Internet has to offer.

I understand that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is currently reviewing a proposal to guarantee delivery of fast, free and family-friendly broadband Internet service to 95 per cent of Americans within the next ten years. I urge you and your fellow commissioners to study this proposal carefully. It would greatly enhance Internet access and would be a great benefit to communities like Salisbury and to millions of individuals throughout the country. Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Neil J. Harrington  
Town Manager

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